

trimer strand[from a collectin molecule],

wherein said first trimer ligand strand is substituted for native carbohydrate recognition domains (CRD) of the collectin molecules of the second trimer strand, and

wherein said conjoined TNFSF-collectin strands are covalently bound in parallel to each other within the stalk region,

[therein] thereby forming a multimeric fusion protein comprising a plurality of trimeric hybrid polypeptide strands radiating from a covalently bound center hub of the molecule, the free end of each trimeric radiating strand having a TNFSF trimer moiety attached.

8. The multimeric fusion protein according to claim [6] 7, wherein the TNFSF trimer moiety is one selected from the group consisting of ligands of the tumor necrosis factor super family LTA, TNF, LTB, and TNFSF4 to TNFSF 18 [as in Table II] as cited by the Human Gene Nomenclature Committee, modifications thereof, and their immuno-stimulatory functional equivalents[, and modifications thereof].

DRAWINGS

The Examiner has requested drawing corrections as required by the drafts person. Corrected drawings are attached.